

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND
SERVING SOMERSET, WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES

Tri-County Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2010

David MacLeod, Chair, called the meeting of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland to order on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at the Henson Center at University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland at 4:45 p.m.

Voting Members in attendance: Mike McCready, Rex Simpkins and James Ring, Somerset County Commissioners; Sheree Sample-Hughes, Wicomico County Council; Virgil Shockley, Worcester County Commissioners; Rick Pollitt, Wicomico County Executive; Bob Hawkins, Pocomoke City Council.

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Sam Boston, Somerset County Administrator; Ted Shea, Wicomico County Administrator; Gerald Mason, Worcester County Administrator.

Mr. Boston has Mr. Paul Ward's voting proxy.
Mr. Shea has Mr. John Cannon's voting proxy.
Mr. Mason has Mrs. Louise Gulyas' voting proxy.

A quorum was present.

Staff in attendance: Mike Pennington, Kristie Eberly, John Donegan, Riggin Johnson and Patricia Tiger.

Guests in attendance: Scott Warner, Mid-Shore Regional Council; Melanie Anderson, Chris Jarboe and Leroy Mattingly, Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

On a motion from Mr. Shockley, seconded by Mr. Boston, the minutes for the meeting of March 18, 2010, were approved as written.

Patuxent River Naval Air Station Update

Ms. Anderson, Mr. Jarboe and Mr. Mattingly informed the Tri-County Council about some of the programs and projects at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. They raised the issue of the impact of windmills on the Eastern Shore and in the Chesapeake Bay on their radar equipment. They also extended an invitation to visit the facility again. Chair MacLeod accepted the invitation on behalf of the Tri-County Council members.

Old Business

Tri-County Multi-Purpose Center Update

Mr. Donegan reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for rent has been sent to June 17, 2010
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all the agencies that are leasing space in the new facility. The base rent is \$17 per square foot.

There will be two RFP (Request for Proposal), one for the site work and building renovation and one for the transit maintenance facility. Construction should be starting in September and the tentative move in date is May 2011.

A grant application has been submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for \$600,000 for renovations. The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) committed \$300,000 for the buildout of their space and the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance (LSWA) has committed \$100,000 for buildout.

LSWA Status Report

Mr. Morris reported that CDL and CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) have been the most requested training programs this year. Medical billing and coding is the next most requested.

Mr. Morris stated that Nola Arnold, of Wor-Wic Community College, is retiring at the end of June. Ms. Arnold has served on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) representing Wor-Wic for several years. With the approval of the Tri-County Council, Wor-Wic would like to have Mrs. Ruth Baker serve on the WIB. Following discussion, on a motion by Mr. Shockley, seconded by Mr. Pollitt, the Tri-County Council unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mrs. Ruth Baker to the WIB.

New Business

Budget Amendment for FY10

Mr. Pennington explained that the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's (DBED) grant requires that all budget line items be plus or minus 10% of the budgeted amount. We are making some adjustments to our budget to meet this requirement.

On a motion from Mr. Shockley, seconded by Mr. Boston, the Tri-County Council unanimously voted to accept the changes to the FY10 DBED budget as presented.

Draft Budget for FY11

Mr. Pennington stated that this is still a draft FY11 budget. The amount of funding from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has not yet been finalized and this draft budget reflects flat funding from MTA.

Employee Health Insurance

Mrs. Tiger reported that our current health insurance carrier is projecting a 40% increase in June 17, 2010
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premiums for FY11. In order to continue to provide health insurance for our employees at a price that both we and they can afford, the Tri-County Council will be going on the State of

Maryland plan effective September 1, 2010. A gap plan will be purchased for July and August to insure uninterrupted coverage for the employees. Landmark Insurance will continue handle our dental and life insurance plans.

Tawes Crab and Clam Bake

Mr. Pennington reported that the Tri-County Council is again partnering with Somerset County Economic Development Commission, Worcester County Economic Development, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development and Maryland Broadband for a tent at the Tawes Crab and Clam Bake on July 21 in Crisfield. We have a few tickets available, let Mrs. Eberly know if you need one.

2011 Legislative Event

Mr. Pennington reported that the Salisbury Chamber will be taking the lead on the 2011 Legislative Event. The Tri-County Council will assist the Salisbury Chamber with the event planning. The Salisbury Chamber feels that it can recruit enough sponsors to pay for the event. The Tri-County Council would be a sponsor. Following discussion, on a motion from Mr. Shockley, seconded by Mrs. Sample-Hughes, the Tri-County Council unanimously voted to be a sponsor of the 2011 Legislative Event and assist the Salisbury Chamber with the event.

Other Business

There was no other business.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Boston, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.